



One-Day Ticket Information 2024

Scotland's National Festival of Youth Theatre (NFYT) is the largest biennial gathering of youth theatres in the UK. Over the course of a weekend, the festival will bring Ayr to life in an explosion of creative talent. Young people aged 14-22 from across Scotland will come together to discover, share and celebrate their passion for youth theatre arts.

With an emphasis on inclusion, education and collaboration, the festival aims to remove barriers, teach valuable life skills and provide extraordinary new experiences. We hope you can join us!

The National Festival of Youth Theatre is produced by **Youth Theatre Arts Scotland** (YTAS), in partnership with the **Gaiety Theatre** and **South Ayrshire Council**. If you have any questions about the event, please contact YTAS on **0131 538 0591**.

The One-Day Ticket

NFYT is a place where youth theatre participants come together and develop as artists, audience members and creative thinkers. To make the festival accessible to groups who may not have attended previously, or who aren't able to commit to the full weekend event, we are pleased to offer a one-day ticket option (for **Saturday 6 July 2024**).

Attending as part of their youth theatre group, one-day participants will take part in two artistic workshops at various venues around Ayr town centre, watch a festival show at the Gaiety Theatre and mix with other youth theatre groups over lunch at Ayr Town Hall.

Date:	Saturday 6 July 2024
Venue:	Ayr
Tickets:	£55 per participant. Group bookings only.
Discounts:	Two FREE group leader places per group. Access Bursaries available.

Day	Approx. time	Activity
Saturday 6 July	From 11am	Arrive at Ayr Town Hall
	11.30am	<p>Artistic Workshop 1</p> <p>Our team of professional facilitators will offer a diverse range of artistic workshops which your young people will take part in over the weekend. These workshops will teach new skills, challenge perceptions of various theatre styles and even create micro performances. Groups attending for one day will be integrated with other youth theatres for their workshops, based on ages.</p> <p>Details of workshop topics will be shared with you in May.</p>
	1pm	Lunch at Ayr Town Hall
	2.15pm	<p>Performance (from one of the attending Youth Theatres):</p> <p>Performances at NFYT 2024 will take place on the Gaiety Theatre main stage. This is a great opportunity for your group to watch their peers perform and to ask questions about the artistic process at a post-show discussion.</p> <p>Details of the performance programme will be shared with you in May.</p>
	3.30pm	<p>Artistic Workshop 2</p> <p>Time to try out another new skill! Again, groups attending for one day will be integrated with other youth theatres for their workshops, based on ages.</p>
	5pm	Finish

The festival performance programme is open to the public and youth theatre groups not attending other elements of the event are more than welcome to come and see individual shows. If you would just like to bring your group to see a show (without also attending artistic workshops) please email info@ytas.org.uk and we will help you to sort out tickets. The full festival performance programme will be available on our website from the week beginning **Monday 6 May**.

What happens next?

One-day tickets to attend NFYT 2024 are limited and will be allocated to groups on a **first come, first served basis**. We strongly recommend that you complete and return your booking form as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Booking will close once all tickets have sold out, or on **Friday 7 June**, whichever occurs first.

To make a group booking for One-Day Tickets, please complete the **NFYT One-Day Booking Form**, [linked here](#), by **5pm on Friday 7 June 2024**.

Once a booking form has been submitted, we will be in touch with further information about workshops, venues and to assess any access requirements. We recognise that making plans to attend NFYT can be a daunting task and we are here to help! If you require more support in planning your trip or completing your booking, please email info@ytas.org.uk or call **0131 538 0591**

Terms and Conditions and payment process

Payment: Once you have submitted your booking form, YTAS will issue you with an invoice to pay for your group's attendance.

You can either pay the full amount or request to pay in instalments. If you choose to pay in instalments, a **non-refundable** deposit of 25% is required to secure your group's booking for NFYT 2024.

Cancellation: Any booking which has been paid in full and is cancelled **before Thursday 20 June 2024** will be refunded 75% of the total booking fee. Any booking cancelled **after Thursday 20 June 2024** will not be refunded.

Help to Attend the Festival

NFYT has always aimed to be an inclusive event, bringing together a wide range of youth theatre groups, participants and leaders to celebrate their shared passion. In recent years, we've received growing interest from youth groups who support young people that may experience barriers to attending the festival.

We have been on hand to help these groups as they plan and fundraise to attend NFYT. We have also been able to make adaptations to the festival to meet different access requirements, including BSL interpreters (ensuring that all our workshops and performances are D/deaf accessible) and accessible facilities at our campsite.

This year we want to continue to put access and inclusion at the heart of our festival. Thanks to support from our funders, we will enable more disabled and disadvantaged youth theatre participants to experience the benefits of attending NFYT. In addition to the support we offer with planning, fundraising or festival adaptations, in 2024 we will continue to offer an **NFYT Access Bursary** to help support disability or financial access. Groups can apply for an **NFYT Access Bursary** to reduce participant fees by up to one third, or to help fund any access costs unique to your group:

- **Financial Access** - we are keen to support groups which might face additional financial barriers to attend the festival. Support requested might include reducing participant fees by up to one third, paying for camping equipment or helping to subsidise travel costs to attend the festival.

Bursaries are available to groups working with young people from the 20% most deprived areas listed by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)*. You can find out more about the SIMD and look up individual postcodes here <https://simd.scot/>

**If your group or a participant faces additional financial barriers but don't qualify through their postcode's SIMD status, please get in touch with YTAS to discuss bursary eligibility.*

- **Disability Access** - we will work with groups to ensure any access needs can be met during the festival and they can apply for support towards costs such as: an additional access support worker or additional access transport costs incurred.

If you would like to discuss your group's access requirements further, please email info@ytas.org.uk

To apply for the **NFYT Access Bursary** please complete the online application form, [linked here](#).

Please note the bursary has limited funds and will remain available until requests exceed the available budget. We therefore encourage all bursary applicants to get in touch, prior to submission, to discuss your needs.

About Youth Theatre Arts Scotland

We are Scotland's national development body for youth theatre.

We support inspiring experiences for young people by connecting and training the people who work with them. We celebrate and encourage ambition, innovation and progression, supporting a membership of around 100 youth theatre organisations and practitioners all across Scotland, who engage around 22,000 young people in youth theatre activity every week.

We deliver our work through:

- Sector Support
- Sector Development
- Youth Theatre Events and Projects
- Sector Research and Advocacy



To find out more please visit ytas.org.uk

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